



SAFETY AND VIOLENCE INITIATIVE

Director: Mr Guy Lamb

Initiative Profile

Scholars at UCT have been working on issues relating to safety and violence for decades, but collaborative research across disciplines was infrequent. The Safety and Violence Initiative (SaVI) was formally established in April 2011 as one of four interdisciplinary Strategic Initiatives, located in the Office of the Vice Chancellor. SaVI's vision is to work towards safe communities, where freedom and security are the norm, rather than the exception. In this regard SaVI facilitates interdisciplinary research and debate across the university with a focus on understanding and preventing violence, and promoting safety. The Initiative brings together scholars from a number of departments, centres and units at UCT. It also works closely with provincial and national government and civil society organisations in terms of research and violence prevention interventions.

Preventing violence against women and children is a key area of concern for SaVI. In 2014 SaVI was commissioned by national government's Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on Violence against Women and Children and the United Nations Children's Fund to undertake interdisciplinary research on the determinants of violence against women and children in South Africa. This project has been run in partnership with the Children's Institute and draws on expertise from: Centre for Social Science Research, Department of Psychology, Gender Health and Justice Research Unit, Division of Nursing and Midwifery and the Human Sciences Research Council. The project has generated evidence-based analysis, predictive statistical models and will make recommendations to the IMC on how to reduce and prevent violence against women and children. Publications from this project will be launched in 2015.

SaVI has undertaken research and hosted a number of events on gang violence and the prevention thereof in the Western Cape. SaVI works closely with non-governmental organisations that focus on youth violence prevention. In this regard, SaVI has partnered with Amandla EduFootball and the International Committee of the Red Cross to explore the impact of sport-based violence prevention, and initiated a longitudinal research survey in Gugulethu and Manenberg to ascertain the impact of youth violence prevention interventions in this area. In addition, through

research and analysis, SaVI actively supported the work of the Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of Police Inefficiency and a Breakdown in Relations between SAPS and the Community in Khayelitsha.

Initiative Statistics

Staff

Steering Committee	12
Honorary Associates	8
Research Assistants	6
Administrator	1
Total	27

Postdoctoral Fellows

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Research Fields and Staff

Steering Committee

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RESEARCH OUTPUT

Chapters in books

Berg, J., Nakueira, S. and Shearing, C. 2014. Global non-state auspices of security governance. In Arrigo, B. and Bersot, H. (eds), *Routledge Handbook of International Crime and Justice Studies*, pp. 77-97. Oxon: Routledge. ISBN 9780415781787.

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

Boyes, M.E., Bowes, L., Cluver, L.D., Ward, C.L., and Badcock, N.A. 2014. Bullying victimisation, internalising symptoms, and conduct problems in South African children and adolescents: a longitudinal investigation. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, 42(8): 1313-1324.

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van der Spuy, E., and Shearing, C. 2014. Curbing the killing fields: making South Africa safer. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 652(1): 186-205.

Vincent, L. and Howell, S. 2014. Embracing racial reasoning: the DASO poster controversy and 'race' politics in cotemporary South Africa. *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 40(1): 75-90.

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